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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: James M. Spear
YASUSHI WATANABE, ET AL.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 1615
Application No.: 09/806,761	)	
	:	Confirmation No. 4768
Filed: April 3, 2001	)	
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For: TABLET AND PROCESS FOR	)	
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Commissioner for Patents  
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REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF CITED ART

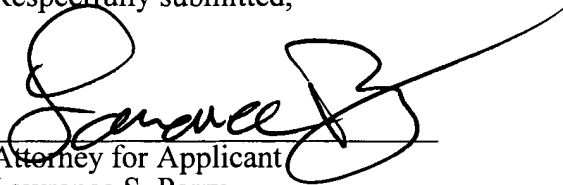
Sir:

Applicants received a Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability dated December 1, 2003 in the above-identified application. However, the Notice of Allowability was not accompanied by an initialed Form PTO-1449 confirming that the art cited in Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement dated July 7, 2003 was considered and made of record herein. A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement is attached at Tab A, with a copy of the return-receipt post card evidencing acknowledgment of such document by the Patent and Trademark Office mailroom attached at Tab B. If the Examiner requires additional copies of any of the cited references, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned. Applicants have not, to date, received confirmation that the art cited in that document was considered by the Examiner.

Accordingly, to complete the record, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner forward a copy of initialed Form PTO-1449 confirming that the art cited in the July 7, 2003 Information Disclosure Statement has been considered and made of record herein.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement. A copy of the Supplementary European Search Report is enclosed as well.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		<b>2,971,889</b>	<b>2/14/61</b>	<b>Swintosky</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>82</b>	

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		<b>0 650 826</b>	<b>6/97</b>	<b>EP</b>			
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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		

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